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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-12.

Please add new claims 13-24.

13. A composition for raising an immune response comprising a malaria antigen and an immunostimulatory CpG oligonucleotide.

14. A composition as claimed in claim 13 wherein the antigen is selected from the group of malaria antigens consisting of RTS, RTS*, TRAP and immunologically equivalent derivatives thereof.

15. A composition as claimed in claim 13 wherein the vaccine comprises TRAP or immunologically equivalent derivative and one of RTS or RTS*.

16. A composition as claimed in claim 13 further comprising an aluminum salt, 3 de-O-acylated monophosphoryl lipid A or a saponin adjuvant.

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